City of Lafayette Staff Report

To:	City Council
From:	Don Tatzin, Mayor
Date:	April 21, 2009
Meeting Date:	**April 27, 2009**
Subject:	East Bay Municipal Utility District's Proposed Water Supply Management Plan (WSMP 2040)

Additional information of the East Bay Municipal Utility District's Proposed Water Supply Management Plan (WSMP 2040) can be found at

http://www.ebmud.com/water_&_environment/water_supply/water_supply_management_program/default.htm

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Water Supply Management Program 2040

EBMUD's current Water Supply Management Program (WSMP 2020), adopted in 1993, has served as the basis for water conservation and recycling programs and for development of supplemental supply initiatives such as the Freeport Regional Water Project. WSMP 2020 ensures adequate and reliable high-quality water supplies that will meet our customers' water needs well into the 21st century. EBMUD is now looking even further into the future by updating the WSMP for another 20 years.

The primary objectives of the WSMP 2040 are to maintain and improve the District's water supply reliability to its customers and help meet the growing need for water in the future. WSMP 2040 will also adapt the District's water planning approach to circumstances that have changed since WSMP 2020 was adopted, such as competing and changing demands for water, the availability of Freeport water after 2009, and long-term climate change. The goal of the WSMP 2040 is to examine what EBMUD has done and what it can do to ensure optimal use of our water resources.

Environmental Documentation

The WSMP 2040 Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) is now available for review. CD-ROM version of the document will be made available upon request. Please contact Thomas B. Francis for a CD-ROM.

WSMP 2040 PEIR comment period has been extended and written comments must be received before close of business on May 4, 2009. Please submit your comments to the attention of Thomas B. Francis by postal or electronic mail.

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In addition, a memorandum has been prepared which describes the Conservation Program Evaluation.

Public Participation

Public representation in the planning process is an integral component of the WSMP 2040. A Community Liaison Committee (CLC), comprised of 20 individuals representing a wide range of interests and demographics

within the EBMUD service area, has been invited to participate in the WSMP 2040 process by the EBMUD Board of Directors. CLC members serve to reflect their particular interests and concerns and also communicate elements of the WSMP 2040 to their constituencies.

A series of Board workshops, CLC meetings, and public hearings at which the various studies, reports, forecasts and assessments that will be used to complete the WSMP 2040 are analyzed have been scheduled throughout the process. The public can learn more and participate in the WSMP 2040 process by attending these workshops and meetings, which began in spring 2007 and will continue through mid-2009.

Upcoming Board of Directors Workshops – Meetings are held at the EBMUD Administration Building, 375 - 11th Street, Oakland, CA:

To be scheduled following the
completion of public draft PEIR review.

Materials from past Board workshops and CLC meetings are available as Portable Document Format (PDF) files. In addition, WSMP Economic Analyses are available as PDF files.

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Mr. Thomas B. Francis, PE
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Dear Mr. Francis:

Please consider our comments regarding EBMUD's proposed Water Supply Management Plan (WSMP) and forward them to the Board of Directors.

Given expected growth of EBMUD's service region during the next 30 or more years and forecasts for global warming that may have an unpredictable effect on the volume and predictability of rainfall, we believe the District should pursue projects that reduce the need for water, use water more efficiently, provide more storage capacity that has minimal environmental hazards, and provide more water sources.

We believe the Preferred Portfolio described in the WSMP provides these benefits and encourage the Board to adopt it. Eliminating one or more components of this option would reduce EBMUD's flexibility at a time when an unnecessarily constrained approach to serving the needs of your constituency does not make sense.

Best regards,

Don Tatzin
Mayor

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